

**NOTICE OF MEASURE**  
**to Achieve a Legitimate objective under Chapter 7 of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)**

**Approved by the GOVERNMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA**

**Regulated Occupation Name: Licensed Practical Nurse**

**Province(s)/Territory(ies) whose workers are affected:**

Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Quebec - Education in maternal/newborn and paediatrics has not been included in the Quebec program since 2001.

**Under which legitimate objective(s) is/are the measure(s) being filed:**

Public Security and Safety  
Protection of human, animal or plant life or health  
Consumer Protection

**Rationale/Justification:**

In order to practice competently and safely to the full scope of practice of practical nursing in Nova Scotia, nurses who have not acquired certain identified competencies need to acquire them before obtaining an unrestricted license.

**Additional Requirement(s):**

1. Requirement to take the course, "Introduction of Pharmacology and Medication Administration". An applicant who has not completed the course will be provided with a "restricted: no meds" license until the required competencies are acquired.
2. Requirement to obtain competence in areas of maternal/newborn and paediatrics. An applicant who has not undergone theoretical and clinical nursing education in maternal/newborn and paediatrics will be provided with a restricted license for up to one year, until the required certification is obtained.

**Anticipated Duration of the additional requirement(s):**

1. The course will be required until all the provinces and territories require a medication administration course.
2. Unknown/indefinite

**Date Approved:**

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**Date(s) Reviewed and/or Updated**

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